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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 46955.20 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/019349 New Application |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP03/06587 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 23 June 2003 | PRIORITY DATE 24 June 2002 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION Methods and Devices for Acquiring Optical Near-Field Interaction Signals | | |
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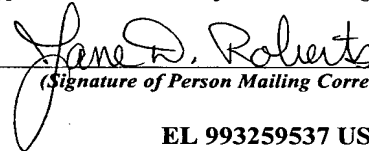
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